

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 570

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Matt Ragan on his distinguished service to the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body should honor those outstanding staff members who in their time with the General Assembly have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Matt Ragan is one such estimable person who served with distinction as Administrative Assistant to Senator Lowe Finney and will soon be taking his leave of this august body, having accepted employment with the scheduling office of Governor Phil Bredesen; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gibson County, Mr. Ragan is a 2001 graduate of Humboldt High School and earned dual degrees in Political Science and Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee – Martin in December of 2005; and

WHEREAS, accepting his position with the legislature in January of 2007, Matt Ragan brought his rural West Tennessee upbringing to Nashville, helping newly elected Senator Lowe Finney serve the constituents of Senate District 27 that includes Carroll, Gibson, and Madison counties; and

WHEREAS, Matt is the son of Kenneth and Teresa Hill and the late Steve Ragan and the brother of Clint and Adam Ragan; he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his time of service Mr. Ragan has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of those members he served, his colleagues, and the constituents of the 27th Senatorial District; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and thank Matt Ragan for his honorable and astute service to Senator Lowe Finney during his exemplary tenure as a member of the staff of the Tennessee State Senate and the Tennessee General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body extends to Mr. Ragan our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.